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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

Subject: US Courses of Action in Case of a Pevelt in Cuba (C) -

1. The Joint Chiefs of Staff have reviewed the draft State-Defence plan transmitted by a memorandum by the Director for Arms Control, UASD (DA), dated 5 June 1963, subject as above.

2. The military course of action recommended by the Joint Chiefs of Staff to meet the contingency of a spentaneous (non-US initiated) revolt, which shows premise of succeeding,

as the Joint Chiefs of Staff states in JCSM-356-63.

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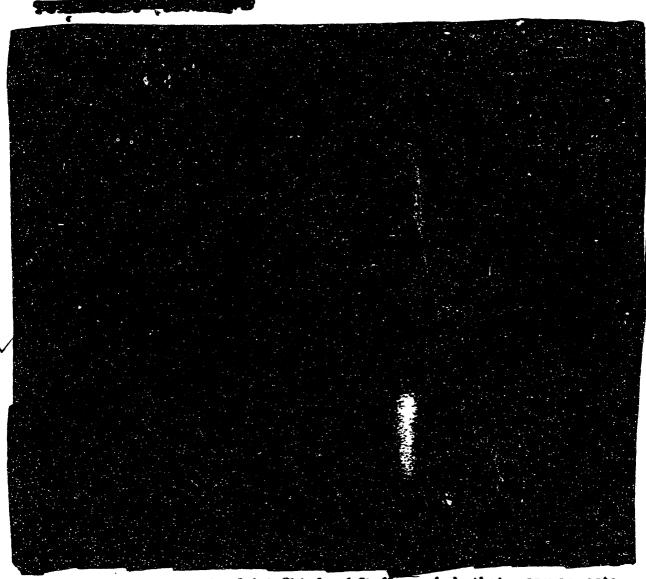
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- 3. The draft State-Defense plan is unduly restrictive in its concept for use of airpower. It prevides, during either the covert or evert phase. for US destruction of the offending nexus of SAM sites or air bases if the SAM batteries or interceptor sircraft brought down a US plane. However, it fails to include during the overt phase of operations the need for the possible suppression and/or elimination of those air defenses which might endanger the air movement of US troops into the area.
- 4. The draft State-Defense plan is at variance in several significant respects with the views of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, who consider that:
 - a. Although a palace revolt may be the most likely type of revolt, it is unlikely to occur at this time.





7. In summary, the Joint Chiefs of Staff conclude that many aspects of the draft State-Defence plan in its present form are not militarily feasible or desirable and, if implemented, would estail excessive risks. It is recommended that the plan be revised to reflect the comments in the feasible paragraphs, these forwarded in JCSM-359-63, and the data framewood by JCSM-360-63, dated it May 1963, to the Secretary of the Army for use in his capacity as Executive Agent of the DOD for Policy teward Cubs. A copy of JCSM-360-63, together with its attachment, is forwarded believith.

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For the Jeint Chiefs of Staff:

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